

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 25, 2005, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Consideration of Re-establishing a Capital Grants Program for Businesses Impacted by City Construction Projects**

RECOMMENDATION: Re-establish the Capital Grants Program to assist businesses impacted by City construction projects.

SUMMARY: Council has expressed some interest in providing assistance to businesses that have been impacted by CSO construction on Memorial Avenue. The attachment provides information on the impact of about eight businesses on Memorial. If Council is interested in providing assistance, it is recommended that it be done in a manner similar to the program established in response to construction on Ninth Street. That program provided seed grants to a number of businesses and leveraged over \$200,000 in investment on Main Street and Rivermont Avenue. The program was administered by Lynch's Landing as it primarily affected downtown businesses. If Council has an interest in maintaining such a program to address construction impacts throughout the City, it is suggested that the program be administered by the Lynchburg Industrial Development Authority and the Office of Economic Development.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Capital Grants program established in 2003 to address impacts caused by construction in Ninth Street and related to Rivermont Ave. CSO project.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$50,000 from capital funds or the Reserve for Contingency.

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ATTACHMENT(S): Copy of email detailing businesses impacted by CSO work on Memorial Avenue.

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Subject: Businesses affected by CSO 12.5

Greg,

The businesses that have been disrupted on Memorial Ave. are (1) Montgomery-Carwile Accounting Services at 3202 Memorial Ave. (owners/staff park in back alley). (2) Bookshop on the Avenue at 3407 Memorial Ave. (one of two driveways to this parking lot have been kept open almost continuously, however sanitary and storm mains w/ Drop Inlets were installed past this location).

(3) Fort Early Barber Shop at 9 Oakridge Blvd. (Fort Early Executive Building {facing Memorial Ave} Probably the greatest impact here with most parking and access limited since October}

(4) Lancaster Galleries at 3507 and 3505 Memorial Ave. (Considerable disruption to front of business during water service installation to 3305 and 3303 and during curb and gutter/paving operations {Since mid-October} and fair amount of dust (in spite of many attempts to sweep and water area) possibly infiltrating his front door and soiling inventory} Some shipping operations conflict at front of his storage building at 3503 Memorial. His parking lot has been accessible from Memorial and/or Oakridge throughout the work process.

There are four business locations that might claim some effect on their operations. These are adjacent to Memorial Ave. with only one access area limited and may have had minimal disruption due to construction.

They are (1) Westover Jewelers on Eldon St. (*very short term nearby disruption for Fire Hydrant, water valve operation and curb and gutter/handicap ramp on corner of Memorial). (2) McCormick Insurance Agency at 9 Oakridge Blvd. (Fort Early Executive Building facing Oakridge Blvd.) Building entrance and Oakridge parking disrupted only during profiling and paving operations (since late November) (3) Cash Advance at 3701 Fort Ave. (Memorial Ave. entrance to parking lot closed from Oct. 20 through Mid December) Fort Ave. entrance unaffected. (4) Construction/renovation company office at 3200 Memorial Ave. with off-road parking at side and rear of building on N. Grand Ave.

I do not know the name of this company and was not able to catch anyone there yesterday. There is very little activity at this location; a few workers pick-up trucks in back are all that I have ever seen and the building has just had "for sale" signs posted this week. The workers here may have only been renovating as it has had a fresh coat of paint applied this fall. However I never saw much building renovation material being transported in or out.

I hope this information is helpful.

Tom